Electrification of rail tracks in Rajasthan

1477. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy of his Ministry regarding electrification of railway tracks;

(b) how many proposals for electrification of railway-tracks have been received from the State of Rajasthan, till date; and

(c) what is the present status of Kota-Baran-Chhabra-Guna-Bina section as well as of Jaipur-Sawai Madhopur Section and time likely to be taken for electrification of these tracks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Policy for Electrification of Railway tracks is as under:

Electrification projects are considered primarily on economic considerations excepting projects justified as operational necessity. The criteria/guidelines being followed in this regard are as under:

(i) Each electrification project will be justified on Rate of Return, which should exceed 14% with the Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) method.

(ii) In certain specific cases, electrification will be justified on considerations of operational flexibility.

(iii) While proposing electrification of a route, the rail network in the region in totality should be considered to include, if necessary, short route lengths, which would otherwise remain non-electrified and reduce operational flexibility.

(b) and (c) Following three proposals for electrification of railway tracks have been received from the State of Rajasthan till date. The status are as under:

SL No.	Section	Status
1.	Bina-Kota	The work is in progress and targeted for completion by March, 2009.
2.	Jaipur-Sawai Madhopur	Not viable.
3.	Ratlam-Neemuch-Chittorgarh	Not viable.

Relief to victims of Mumbai rail blast

1478. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received grievances and complaints from the victims of 11th July, 2006 Mumbai bomb blast;